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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT



Min. QUINCEY B. CARPENTER

CIVIL NO.

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3:15CV 383 COVR-PAB

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPP

MAY 26 2015

ARTHUR JOHNSTO

Chairman, Mississippi Election Commission,

Hinds County

COMPLAINT

JURISDICTION

The court has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to 42 USC section 1983 to redress the deprivation of civil rights, 42 USC section 1973, and the 14th Amendment equal protection clause of the U.S. Constitution. The plaintiff, pro se claims denial of voter registration, absentee balloting by a convicted felon in the State of Mississippi pursuant to section 23-15-19 gives the court its jurisdiction and MS voter identification law of 23-15-563 under MS Code of 1972.

PARTIES

The plaintiff, Minister Quincey Bernard Carpenter is a born citizen of the United States, resident of Hinds County, City of Jackson, MS at 236 Eastview Street, Jackson, MS 39209(601)842-1164.

The defendant,: Chairman, Hinds County Election Commission is charge with enforcement of MS election laws in the County of Hinds, P.O. BOX 946, Jackson, MS 39205, Phone: 601.968.6555, Fax: 601.948.2681.

Cause of Action

The officials are being sued in their official capacity for the privation of rights secured by the constitution of the U.S. and Federal law thus the doctrine of qualified immunity nor sovereign immunity do not apply allow this suit to go forth. In April of 2007 the plaintiff was convicted of robbery by written instrument for a 2005 arrest and given five(5) year probation before the Honorable Robert "Bobby" Delaughter in Jackson, MS. Based upon the cited conviction MS statue 23-15-19 of the MS code of 1972 the plaintiff is barred legally from voting. The plaintiff has voted in MS illegally but such voting could result in criminal penalties. The plaintiff has registered to Vote, see attached voter registration for, label plaintiff's exhibit (a). and Mississippi and U.S. have upcoming elections in 2015 and 2016 see attached voting calendar label plaintiff's exhibit (b) as follows: 2015 and 2016 which the statue in question bars participation in.. The plaintiff further states Miss. Voter I.D. law denies the plaintiff equal protection of the laws in violation of the 14th Amendment because it does not require absentee mail in voters to present voter identification. The plaintiff states, the application of the MS statue disproportionately effects African Americans in that the statue disproportionately effects African Americans by its application more than their White counterparts in the State of Mississippi and disproportionately dilutes the black vote whether unintentionally by its application and thus violates the voting rights act clause concerning the diluting historically disadvantage populace disproportionately;

- (a) No voting qualification or prerequisite to voting or standard, practice, or procedure shall be imposed or applied by any State or political subdivision in a manner which results in a denial or abridgement of the right of any citizen of the United States to vote on account of race or color, or in contravention of the guarantees set forth in section 1973b(f)(2) [language minorities] of this title, as provided in subsection (b) of this section.
- (b) A violation of subsection (a) of this section is established if, based on the totality of circumstances, it is shown that the political processes leading to nomination or election in the State or political subdivision are not equally open to participation by members of a class of citizens protected by subsection (a) of this section in that its members have less opportunity than other members of the electorate to participate in the political process and to elect representatives of their choice. The extent to which members of a protected class have been elected to office in the State or political subdivision is one circumstance which may be considered: Provided, That nothing in this section establishes a right to have members of a protected class elected in numbers equal to their proportion in the population.

The foregoing actions deny the plaintiff equal protection of the law in violation of the 14th amendment of the U.S. Constitution and is authorized by MS code 23-15-75. Proceedings in circuit court, and 23-15-91; 23-15-93; and 23-15-95.

I declare under the penalty and pains of perjury the foregoing is true and correct this 20 Day of May 2015 at Hinds County Jackson, MS

RELIEF

The plaintiff hereby prays for:

Injunctive relief compelling the defendant to allow the plaintiff to vote in all upcoming 2015 and 2016 election;

An order directing the plaintiff's registration not to be purged from voter rolls,

An order: prohibiting the application of MS voter identification laws since it does not require absentee voter to present identification to vote.

Any other relief the court deems just.

Respectfully Submitted,

236 East view Street

Jackson, MS 39209

601-842-1164

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PLAINTIFF'S NOTICE OF CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION

The plaintiff, Quincey B. Carpenter, PURSUANT TO RULE 5.1 OF THE RULES OF FEDERAL PROCEDURE herby raises the question of the unconstitutional application of: section 23-15-19 and 23-15-563 under MS Code of 1972

Respectfully Submitted,

236 Eastview Street

Jackson, MS 39209

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IPORTANT!

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- If you are qualified and the information on your form is complete, you will be mailed a voter card that tells you where to vote.
- If you decline to register to vote, your decision not to register will remain confidential and will be used only for voter registration purposes.
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Elections Calendar • 2015-2016

2015 Election August 4..... Primary Election August 25 Primary Run-off November 3...... General Election November 24...... General Runoff **Elected Offices for 2015** Governor Lieutenant Governor Secretary of State Attorney General State Auditor State Treasurer Commissioner of Insurance Commissioner of Ag. & Commerce State Senators State Representatives **Transportation Commissioners Public Service Commissioners District Attorneys** Sheriffs Chancery Clerks Circuit Clerks **Tax Assessors Tax Collectors** Coroners Superintendents of Education **County Attorneys** Surveyors Supervisors Justice Court Judges

2016 Election

March 8	Primary Election
March 29	Primary Run-off
November 8	General Election
November 29	General Runofl

Elected Offices for 2016

President and Vice President
U.S. House of Representatives
Supreme Court Justices (Staggered 8-year term)
Court of Appeals (Staggered 8-year term)
Levee Commissioners
Election Commissioners
School Board Members (Staggered terms)

Constables